

## **RESOURCES for AGING**

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## AGING NETWORK NEWS/RESOURCES

### OSA Cancels Three Public Hearings

Due to the State of Michigan's budget and travel restrictions, it has been necessary for the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) to cancel three public hearings. They were scheduled for June 15 in Iron Mountain, July 20 in Grand Rapids, and October 19 in Gaylord.

The public hearing scheduled for **April 20** will take place as planned. It will be held 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**.

Those interested in transportation, nutrition, housing, long term care (LTC), health, independence, scams, employment, volunteer opportunities, and other issues important to older adults, are encouraged to attend.

OSA welcomes the submission of written testimony by **November 1** regarding issues and concerns affecting Michigan's older adults. Mail written testimony to OSA, PO Box 30676, Lansing, 48909-8176, attention Cindy Albrecht, or fax it to 517/373-4092. Also e-mail to [Albrecht@michigan.gov](mailto:Albrecht@michigan.gov) or TDD to 517/373-4096.

### CMS Helps Boomers and Their Families Plan for LTC

Most Americans don't realize their health care insurance will not cover the cost of long term care (LTC) services. Nursing homes can cost \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually. So, if individuals do not qualify for Medicaid, then they or their families must pick up the costs.

A 2006 research project conducted by AARP has discovered that most Americans, age 45 and older, underestimate the costs of LTC. Only eight percent could reasonably estimate the cost of nursing home care, and just 23 percent could reasonably estimate the cost of assisted living.

Of those surveyed, 23 percent do not know the cost of an in-home visit by a skilled nurse, and most think government programs will provide coverage when they probably will not. Also, 59 percent mistakenly believe Medicare covers nursing home stays beyond three months for age-related or other chronic conditions.

According to **OSA Director Sharon Gire**, "we are at the beginning of a long term care revolution in our state. With boomers retiring, the need has never been greater, and people want to stay in their own homes as long as possible."

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is partnering with Michigan and other states to implement the "Own Your Future" campaign.

The campaign, targeting baby boomers, is designed to raise awareness of the need to

plan ahead for future LTC services for themselves and their families.

Through “Own Your Future,” Gov. Jennifer Granholm sent letters by direct mail to 1.7 million households with members age 45-65. They were targeted because they represent age groups faced with an immediate need to plan for LTC services.

The letter offered an opportunity for individuals to ask for additional information via postcard, telephone or the Internet.

Those who responded received a LTC planning toolkit that includes information about resources available in Michigan to help in the LTC planning process. The toolkit also discusses subjects such as advanced directives, talking with family members about LTC decisions, and how to finance care.

The “Own Your Future” campaign is a joint federal-state effort involving HHS, OSA and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Office on LTC Supports and Services. Although HHS financed all core campaign activities, assistance is needed to expand the effort beyond the direct mail campaign.

Michigan is enlisting the help of local partners to raise awareness of the need to plan ahead. You are asked to help by distributing materials, encouraging family members and friends to order planning kits, and discussing LTC with co-workers, local networking groups and professional associations.

Brochures and toolkits are available upon request. Go to [www.aoa.gov/ownyourfuture](http://www.aoa.gov/ownyourfuture) or call toll-free 866/PLANLTC (866/752-6582). Own your future! LTC needs are best met when planned ahead of time.

### **Senior Citizen of the Year Nominations Requested**

Two older adults will be recognized at the 2007 Michigan Fair for their valuable contributions on behalf of others. Nominations are requested.

OSA is joining with the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) and the Michigan State Fair to honor two individuals, age 60 or older.

“These awards are presented every year to recognize special older adults for their contributions to our state,” says **OSA Director Sharon Gire**. “The example they set is an inspiration to all of us, and they deserve to be recognized.”

The 2007 Senior Citizen of the Year Awards will be made in two categories, “Leadership” and “Service.” They recognize leadership in the community and service to others, and they highlight contributions made by persons age 60 and older to civic and social life. Selections will be determined primarily by service or leadership contributed during the past year.

Nominees must be age 60 on or before July 6, and all nominations must be submitted by an organization. A presiding officer of the organization must sign the nomination. Nominees can be employed at the time of the nomination, but will be judged on service or leadership in unpaid positions.

Award recipients will be invited to attend an awards ceremony that will take place on

Senior Citizens' Day this summer at the Michigan Fair in Detroit. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, go to [www.michigan.gov/miseniors](http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors) or call 517/373-8230.

Nominations must be postmarked by Friday, **July 6** and sent to: 2007 Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program; Michigan Office of Services to the Aging; PO Box 30676; Lansing, MI 48909-8176.

### **Senior Project FRESH to Expand this Summer**

Again this year, Senior Project FRESH will provide coupons to enable older adults to obtain fresh fruits and veggies at Michigan farmers markets and roadside stands.

Last summer Senior Project FRESH served 7,500 older adults in 36 Michigan counties, and many of them were at nutritional risk. This summer, Senior Project FRESH plans to provide fresh fruits and veggies to 10,000 older adults in 45 Michigan counties.

In addition to receiving coupons, Project FRESH applicants will receive a printed list of local congregate meal sites, information about home delivered meals, and a nutrition education folder. They also will receive food counseling and nutrition education through MSU Extension.

To be eligible to participate, older adults must be age 60 or older, and be at 185% of the poverty rate. They must live in the county where they receive the coupons.

Project FRESH is conducted through the State of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) with help from Michigan State University (MSU) Extension and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

It is part of a national program sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) called the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program that promotes the eating of fresh fruits and vegetables.

If your group or agency is interested in starting a "Senior Project FRESH" program in your county for 2007, call **Sherri King** at OSA (517/373-4092) or e-mail her at [kings1@michigan.gov](mailto:kings1@michigan.gov) or TDD 517/373-4096.

### **Cutting Medicaid Spending will Hurt Older Adults and Others**

AARP of Michigan has voiced deep concern over Michigan's budget crisis, and how it could negatively impact older adults in our state. It has compiled an informational piece that outlines points for State Legislators to consider as they work to balance the state budget. It warns that the following could occur if cuts are made to Medicaid and health care for older adults:

- Cutting Medicaid spending eliminates jobs in every Michigan county.
- Health care is Michigan's largest employer, and the only major industry sustaining growth during the state's overall long term loss of jobs.
- At least 10% of Michigan's entire population struggles daily to provide health support and services with no help from any public or private programs. This makes an economic impact on Michigan communities that eclipses \$10 billion annually.

- Every state dollar for the Medicaid program generates \$2.30 in health services from the federal government. This represents the single largest federal dollar return in Michigan's entire state budget.
- Failure to fully fund community-based long term care (LTC) services, like the MIChoice waiver and Adult Home Help Programs, leaves too many LTC residents having to leave their homes unnecessarily for more expensive nursing home care.

Therefore cutting funding for Medicaid and LTC services will affect the economy of our communities, as well as the quality of life for older adults.

### **MIN to Conduct Second Intergenerational Conference**

The Michigan Intergenerational Network (MIN) will conduct its second statewide intergenerational conference 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **May 1** at the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA), 60525 Decatur Road in **Cassopolis**. The first conference was held last May at Madonna University.

Entitled "Nuts and Bolts: Concrete Tips for Developing and Improving Intergenerational Programs," this year's conference is sponsored by MIN, as well as the CoA, Bridging Communities, and the Cass District Library.

It aims to provide participants with information about funding sources for intergenerational programs, the development and organization of intergenerational programs, and an ability to network with other agencies and systems to promote intergenerational activities.

While including multiple generations into one program can seem like a wonderful idea, and a daunting task at the same time, the conference will provide a foundation of ideas for adding generations to existing programs, or building an intergenerational program from the ground up through cooperation, interaction and relationship.

For more information, go to [www.casscoa.org](http://www.casscoa.org) or call toll-free 800/323-0390.

### **CVSC Offers VOCA Training Around Michigan**

Because of their perceived and real vulnerability, older adults often are targets of theft, scams, abuse and violence. A growing number also are the victims of hate crimes.

The Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission (CVSC) has partnered with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) and the Michigan Alliance Against Hate Crime (MIAAHC) to offer a statewide series of workshops that are free to the public.

Two types of trainings are being offered to assist victim service providers with the unique challenges created by Michigan's increasing ethnic diversity. All workshops are funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Crime Victim Services Commission (CVSC).

The first, entitled "Building Cultural Competence Training," will help victim service providers, such as aging network service providers, as well as prosecutors and law enforcement to work better with diverse populations. It is a four-hour program to enhance understanding of five major cultural groups: African American, American

Indian, Arab American, Asian American and Latino American.

This workshop is designed to assist participants to recognize, understand, and control their personal biases, and interact more effectively with colleagues and customers across cultural boundaries.

For example, participants will learn about demographics of the ethnic groups in our state; recognize stereotypes that lead to bias and discrimination; understand bias and hidden discrimination; discuss cultural protocols and communication styles; recognize cultures through religion; and understand the benefits of cultural competency. This workshop is being offered:

**April 18** at the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in **Dearborn**  
**April 19** at the Schoolcraft College Vis Ta Tech Center in **Livonia**  
**May 2 & 3** at Mott Community College Regional Training Center in **Flint**  
**May 8 & 9** at the Ralph MacMullan Conference Center in **Roscommon**  
**May 22 & 23** at Muskegon Community College in **Muskegon**  
**June 6 & 7** at the Eberhard Center/GVSU Pew Campus in **Grand Rapids**  
**June 20 & 21** at Northwestern Michigan College in **Traverse City**  
**July 11 & 12** at Central Michigan University in **Mt. Pleasant**  
**June 23 & 24** at Lake Superior State University in **Sault Ste. Marie**  
**July 26 & 27** at Northern Michigan University in **Marquette**  
**July 30 & 31** at Bay de Noc College University Center in **Escanaba**  
**August 8 & 9** at Lansing Community College West Campus in **Lansing**

The second, entitled "Hate Crime 101," is a two-hour program designed to assist crime victim service providers, including aging network service providers and law enforcement to better understand how to define and respond to bias incidents, and to specifically learn the definition of a hate crime, and how to use available resources, including hate crime laws, to respond effectively within the community.

Participants will learn how to identify hate crime; understand how hate crimes are different from other crimes; discuss the importance of hate crime laws and how to use them; and understand how to use available resources to combat hate crime. This workshop is being offered:

**May 9** at the Ralph MacMullan Conference Center in **Roscommon**  
**May 23** at Muskegon Community College in **Muskegon**  
**June 7** at the Eberhard Center/GVSU Pew Campus in **Grand Rapids**  
**June 21** at Northwestern Michigan College in **Traverse City**  
**July 12** at Central Michigan University in **Mt. Pleasant**  
**June 24** at Lake Superior State University in **Sault Ste. Marie**  
**July 27** at Northern Michigan University in **Marquette**  
**July 31** at Bay de Noc College University Center in **Escanaba**  
**August 9** at Lansing Community College West Campus in **Lansing**

For more information, go to [www.mi.gov/mdcr](http://www.mi.gov/mdcr), call toll-free 800/482-3604 or TTY 877/878-8464.

### **AOTA Offers Online Booklet for Older Drivers**

A website sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA)



offers a useful workbook designed for older people who are concerned about their driving skills.

Entitled Driving decisions Workbook 2000, it is sponsored by General Motors and supported by the University of Michigan (UM). To download a free copy, go to [www.aota.org/olderdriver/docs/assessumi.pdf](http://www.aota.org/olderdriver/docs/assessumi.pdf).

The 47-page document is based on data collected by GM and the US Department of Transportation. It contains page-by-page questions asking the reader to evaluate his or her driving ability, and includes space for the reader to circle answers. Depending on the answers, the booklet gives feedback with practical suggestions about who to talk to, and what actions to take.

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## OSA EVENTS/MEETINGS

### Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA)

The next meeting will be held 10:00 a.m. on **April 20** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. It will be a joint meeting with the State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC), and will be followed by a public hearing on older adult issues and concerns at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call **Cindy Albrecht** at OSA (517/335-4016), e-mail [albrechtc@michigan.gov](mailto:albrechtc@michigan.gov) or TDD 517/373-4096.

### State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)

The next meeting will be held 10:00 a.m. on **April 20** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. It will be a joint meeting with the Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA). For more information, call **Sally Steiner** at OSA (517/373-8810), e-mail [steiners@michigan.gov](mailto:steiners@michigan.gov) or TDD 517/373-4096.

### OSA/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Directors

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. **May 8** in Conference Room 3B on the third floor, 7109 West Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Jan Bowlin** at OSA (517/241-3864), e-mail [bowlinj1@michigan.gov](mailto:bowlinj1@michigan.gov) or TDD 517/373-4096. You also may call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (517/886-1227) or e-mail [ablan@iserv.net](mailto:ablan@iserv.net).

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## EVENTS/MEETINGS ADDED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

**Pancake & Sausage Fund-Raising Supper**, sponsored by the Gratiot Community Senior Center **April 18** at the senior center in **St. Louis**, featuring “all you can eat” pancakes, fruits, sausage and door prizes, with all proceeds going for the operating costs of the center. For more information, call 989/875-5246.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health and Aging Conference**, entitled “Recovery and Resilience: Promise for the Future,” and sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging, in

collaboration with the Illinois Department of Human Services, and the Illinois Coalition on Mental Health and Aging **April 18-20** at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort in **Lincolnshire, IL**. For more information, go to [www.state.il.us/aging](http://www.state.il.us/aging) or call 217/785-3356.

**The Facts About Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's Disease**, a free community presentation sponsored by the Valley Area Agency on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association – Greater Michigan Chapter – East Central Division **April 19** at the Flint Public Library in **Flint**. For more information, call 810/239-7671.

**Help for Caregivers: A Caregiver Training Series**, a four-part series sponsored by the Midland County Council on Aging **April 19** and **26**, and **May 3** and **10** at the Senior Services Building in **Midland**. To attend this free series, you must be a registered family caregiver. To register for the series, or to become a registered caregiver, call 989/633-3722.

**Late Stage Alzheimer's**, a seminar sponsored by In-House Hospice Solutions **April 20** at the Portage Senior Center in **Portage** to explain the features of late stage Alzheimer's Disease, and to provide tips and suggestions for ways to cope with the changes that occur. For more information or to register, call 269/342-1482.

**Sink or Swim: Family Budgeting and Money Management**, sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) **April 20** at the CoA in **Cassopolis** as part of its Balanced Life Series for anyone interested in managing a busy life. For more information or to register, call 269/445-8110.

**Swimming Upstream: Using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Treat Older Adult Addiction**, a course conducted by Michigan State University (MSU) Social Work Continuing Education **April 21** at East Fee Hall on the MSU Campus in **East Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu](http://www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu) or call 517/353-8620.

**Country Western Dinner Dance**, a community event sponsored by The Traverse City Senior Center and Grand Traverse Band Elders **April 25** at the senior center in **Traverse City**, featuring a western BBQ, live music and line dancers. For more information, call 231/922-4911.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Caregiving Conference**, sponsored by Caregivers Ministry Network **April 21** at St. Thomas Aquinas in **Detroit**, **April 25** at the Redford Community Center in **Redford**, **April 30** at Summit on the Park in **Canton** and **May 9** at Our Lady of The Woods in **Woodhaven**. For more information or to register, call 734/287-7821 or e-mail [patsiesimpson@aol.coaam](mailto:patsiesimpson@aol.coaam).

**Spaghetti Dinner**, sponsored by the Bellaire Lioness Club **April 25** at the Bellaire Senior Center in **Bellaire**, with all proceeds going for programs and services provided by the Antrim County Commission on Aging. For more information, call 231/533-8703.

**Evaluation: A Tool for Managing Program Effectiveness**, sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership as part of its "Executive Morning Series" **April 25** at the Lake Michigan Center of the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Muskegon Campus in **Muskegon**. For more information, call 616/331-7031 or e-mail [krehaj@gvsu.edu](mailto:krehaj@gvsu.edu).



**Fifth Annual Dementia Conference**, sponsored by the Midland County Council on Aging Senior Services Program **April 25** at the Senior Services Building in **Midland** for those interested in aging, memory and depression. Conference includes a program for professionals only (such as social workers and nurses) entitled "Understanding Dementia, Depression and Delirium in Late Life." For more information or to register, call 989/633-3722.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**, sponsored by Southeast Oakland Meals on Wheels **April 27** at the Madison Heights Senior Citizen Activity Center in **Madison Heights** with all proceeds going for mobile meals. For more information, call 248/545-1053.

**Craft, Rummage and Bake Sale and Candy Sale**, sponsored by the Lenawee County Department on Aging Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) **April 27** at the Adrian Senior Center in **Adrian**, with all proceeds going for the FGP. Donated crafts and baked goods are requested. For more information, call 517/264-5280.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Vegetable Soup Variety Show**, sponsored by the East Lansing Seniors' Program **April 28** at the Hannah Community Center's Albert White Performing Arts Auditorium in **East Lansing** with all proceeds going for the East Lansing Youth and Seniors' Program. For more information, call 517/337-1113.

**Nuts and Bolts: Concrete Tips for Developing and Improving Intergenerational Programs**, sponsored by the Michigan Intergenerational Network (MIN), the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA), Bridging Communities and the Cass District Library **May 1** at the CoA in **Cassopolis**. For more information, go to [www.casscoa.org](http://www.casscoa.org) or call 800/323-0390. See also the AGING NETWORK NEWS/ACTIVITIES section of this issue (above).

**2007 SC Conference on Aging: Social Engagement & Successful Aging**, sponsored by AARP, the South Carolina Lt. Governor's Office on Aging, the South Carolina Association of AAAs, and the South Carolina Association of Council on Aging Directors **May 1** at the Columbia Conference Center in **Columbia, SC** to discuss creating programs for a healthier future. For more information, call 803/665-6934.

**Spelling Bee for Those 50+**, sponsored by the Traverse City Senior Center, Comfort Keepers and the Traverse City Record Eagle **May 4** at the Traverse City Public Library in **Traverse City**, preceded by two practice rounds on April 20 and April 26. Teams of three may register to participate. For more information, or to obtain practice lists and rules, go to [www.seniors.tcnet.org](http://www.seniors.tcnet.org) or call 231/922-4911.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the PSC Golf Outing Scramble**, sponsored by the Portage Senior Center (PSC) **May 7** at the **Thornapple Creek Golf Club** in **Portage** with all proceeds going for senior center programs. For more information, call 269/329-4555 or e-mail [senior@portagemi.com](mailto:senior@portagemi.com).

**Elder Abuse: From Detection to Prosecution**, the Fourth Biennial Training Conference sponsored by the California Attorney General **May 7-11** at the Marriott San Francisco Airport in **Burlingame, CA**. For more information, go to [www.ag.ca.gov/bmfea/](http://www.ag.ca.gov/bmfea/) or call 916/445-6557.

**Estate Planning Seminar**, sponsored by the North Berrien Senior Center **May 8** at the senior center in **Coloma** to discuss the latest estate planning developments, including

living trusts. For more information or to sign up, call 269/468-3366.

**Safe, Sound and Secure Conference** entitled “Protecting Yourself Against Scams,” and sponsored by the Portage Senior Center **May 9** at the senior center in **Portage**. Workshops include “Protecting Yourself from Financial Exploitation,” “Hearing Loss and Accommodations,” “Alternatives to Guardianship,” and “Internet Safety.” For more information or to register, call 269/383-8933.

**Safe Driving Program**, sponsored by AARP and the Escanaba Senior Center **May 9-10** at the senior center in **Escanaba** to offer a refresher course to help drivers age 50 and older to improve their driving skills and prevent crashes. For more information or to register, call 906/786-8850.

**Psychopharmacology with Older Adults, Deliriums, Dementias and Drugs**, a course conducted by Michigan State University (MSU) Social Work Continuing Education **May 11** at the Southfield Public Library in **Southfield**. For more information, go to [www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu](http://www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu) or call 517/353-8620 or 517/432-0174.

**Ninth Annual Senior Housing Awareness Week**, sponsored by the Housing Bureau for Seniors and the University of Michigan (UM) Health System **May 11-20** with workshops at various locations in **Ann Arbor** and **Chelsea**, and exhibits at the Morris Lawrence Building of Washtenaw Community College. It is the only annual event that brings together the people who provide senior housing and critical support services with those who need them. For more information or to register, call 734/998-9336.

**Annual State Training Conference for Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Parents**, sponsored by the Michigan Association for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parents in partnership with the MSU Kinship Care Resource Center and entitled “Hope and Knowledge – Linking Parents Together,” **May 18-20** at the Holiday Inn South in **Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.mafak.net](http://www.mafak.net) or call 734/789-9749.

**Senior Power Day 2007**, sponsored by the Valley Area Agency on Aging (AAA-5), the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Committee, HealthPlus of Michigan, American House, and Region 1C UAW members and retirees **May 23** at Crossroads Village in **Flint**, featuring lunch, entertainment, games, activities, door prizes and vintage train rides, as well as several federal, state and local elected officials. Tickets may be purchased at senior centers in Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties. For more information, call the AAA at 810/239-7671.

**Grandparent – Grandchild Retreat**, sponsored by the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church **May 25-27** at the Wesley Woods Retreat Center in **Dowling**, with special emphasis on grandparents raising grandchildren, and featuring swimming, canoeing, campfire singing, crafts and discussions about grandparenting skills. For more information, go to [www.wesleywoodscamp.com](http://www.wesleywoodscamp.com) or call 517/833-4988.

**Legal and Financial Issues**, a free community presentation sponsored by the Valley Area Agency on Aging and the Alzheimer’s Association – Greater Michigan Chapter – East Central Division **May 29** at the Lapeer Regional Medical Center in **Lapeer**. For more information, call 810/239-7671.

**Transformative Leadership: Creating and Managing Change in an Organization, in a Community, Across a Society**, a course conducted by Michigan State University

(MSU) Social Work Continuing Education **June 9** in Erickson Hall at MSU in **East Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu](http://www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu) or call 517/353-8620 or 517/432-0174.

**Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology (FICCDAT)**, sponsored by the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute **June 16-19** at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel in **Toronto, ONTARIO**. For more information, go to [www.torontorehab.com](http://www.torontorehab.com) or e-mail [info@ficcdat.ca](mailto:info@ficcdat.ca).

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Older American Festival**, sponsored by the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services **June 20** at Freedom Hill County Park in **Sterling Heights**, featuring health screenings, dancing, games, a box lunch, and exhibits by more than 60 agencies. For more information, call 586-469-6313.

**Nonprofit 2020: Issues and Answers from the Next Generation**, a conference sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, the Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management at Arizona State University, and the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **July 26-28** in **Grand Rapids** for emerging nonprofit leaders to share visions, ideas and passions. For more information, go to [www.johnsoncenter.org](http://www.johnsoncenter.org) and/or [www.gvsu.edu/np2020](http://www.gvsu.edu/np2020).

**Annual NSFO Conference**, sponsored by the National Association of State Human Services Finance Officers (NSFO) **July 30-August 3** at the John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort in **Sparks, NV**. For more information, go to [www.hsfo.com](http://www.hsfo.com) or call toll-free 877/775-4736.

**Annual Golf Outing**, sponsored by the Isabella County Commission on Aging (CoA) and Friends of Isabella Seniors **August 3** at the Pleasant Hills Golf Club in **Mt. Pleasant**, featuring food, raffle, silent auction, and a chance at a \$10,000.00 Hole-in-One sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, with all proceeds going for CoA programs and services. For more information, call 989/772-0748.

**Safe, Sound and Secure Conference**, sponsored by the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services **August 15** at the Warren Community Center in **Warren** to learn about current trends and issues in crime. For more information, call 586/469-6307.

**The National Respite Conference: Help is on the Way!**, sponsored by the National Respite Coalition, the Alabama Lifespan Respite Network, and the ARCH National Respite Network **October 3-5** at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Von Braun Civic Center in **Huntsville, AL**. For more information, go to [www.archrespice.org/nrc.htm](http://www.archrespice.org/nrc.htm), or call 256/237-3683 or e-mail [alabamarespite@aol.com](mailto:alabamarespite@aol.com).

**2007 National Prevention and Health Promotion Summit: Creating a Culture of Wellness**, sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **November 27-29** at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill in **Washington, DC** to showcase new approaches to prevention and health promotion. For more information, go to [www.healthierus.gov](http://www.healthierus.gov).

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## MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

**4th Annual Michigan Mental Health & Aging Conference** (formerly the OBRA Conference), sponsored by the Lansing Community College (LCC) Mental Health & Aging Project **May 8-9** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**, featuring 23 sessions on a variety of mental health and aging topics involving evidence-based practices, ethics, pain management, suicide, dementia and legal issues. For more information, go to [www.lcc.edu/mhap](http://www.lcc.edu/mhap) or call 517/483-1529.

**Twentieth Annual Issues in Aging Conference**, sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) School of Medicine, the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan and Presbyterian Villages of Michigan **May 14-15** at the Management Education Center in **Troy**, featuring physical and behavioral health in persons with dementia, and innovations for older adult physical and mental health promotion. For more information, call 313/577-1180 or e-mail [j.mendez@wayne.edu](mailto:j.mendez@wayne.edu).

**Michigan Nonprofit SuperConference 2007: Surviving and Thriving through Seasons of Change**, sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) **May 15-16** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org) or call 517/492-2400.

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM)**, entitled "Choices for Independence: Modernization of the Older Americans Act," and sponsored by AAAAM **May 30-31** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call 517/886-1029.

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## MICHIGAN NONPROFIT SEMINARS/EVENTS

**3-Part Alzheimer's Education Series**, a three-part workshop on understanding and coping with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter West Michigan Region and funded by the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan **April 17, April 24** and **May 1** at the Byron Township Public Library in **Byron Center**, and **June 6, June 13** and **June 20** at the Mecosta County Medical Center in **Big Rapids**. For more information, go to [www.alzqmc.org](http://www.alzqmc.org) or call toll-free 800/272-3900.

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## OTHER MICHIGAN EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Three Public Hearings on Older Adult Issues and Concerns**, sponsored by OSA and the Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA), will be **canceled** due to the State of Michigan's budget and travel restrictions. They were scheduled for June 15 in Iron Mountain, July 20 in Grand Rapids, and October 19 in Gaylord.

However, one public hearing will be conducted as scheduled **April 20** in **Lansing**. See the AGING NETWORK NEWS/RESOURCES section of this issue (above).

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## CONFERENCES/EVENTS OUTSIDE MICHIGAN

**AGS 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting**, sponsored by the American Geriatrics Society **May 2-6** at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel in **Seattle, WA**. For more information, go to [www.americangeriatrics.org](http://www.americangeriatrics.org) or call toll-free 800/247-4779.

**Conference on Ministry with the Aging** entitled “Stages: Age is Just a Number,” planned by representatives from a variety of religious denominations, and sponsored by the Baptist Homes of Indiana **May 15-16** at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in **Columbus, IN**. For more information, call 317/635-3552.

**Conference on Ministry with the Aging** entitled “Aging Well: The Way it Was, the Way it Is, and the Way it Could be,” planned by representatives from a variety of religious denominations, and sponsored by the Baptist Homes of Indiana **May 17-18** at Don Hall’s Guesthouse in **Fort Wayne, IN**. For more information, call 317/635-3552.

**AAA 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, sponsored by the American Aging Association (AAA) **June 1-4** at the Marriott Plaza in **San Antonio, TX**. For more information, go to [www.americanaging.org](http://www.americanaging.org) or call 610/627-2626.

**NANASP Annual Training Conference**, sponsored by the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Programs (NANASP) **June 27-29** at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino (formerly the Reno Hilton) in **Reno, NV**. For more information, go to [www.nanasp.org](http://www.nanasp.org) or call 202/682-6899.

**GU 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference**, entitled “Intergenerational: It’s Monumental,” and sponsored by Generations United (GU) **July 24-27** at the Holiday Inn on the Hill in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org) or call 202/289-3979.

**n4a 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference**, sponsored by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging **July 29-August 1** at the Hyatt Regency in **San Francisco, CA**. For more information, go to [www.n4a.org](http://www.n4a.org) or call 202/872-0888.

**2007 Minority Women’s Health Summit**, entitled “Women of Color: Addressing Disparities, Affirming Resilience, and Developing Strategies for Success,” and sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Women’s Health **August 23-26** at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capital Hill in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to [www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov).

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### FEDERAL REGISTER (March 5 – March 30)

#### HHS to Implement PDS Prototype for Health Practitioners

See the Federal Register dated **March 7** (Vol. 72, No. 44). Go to “Health Resources and Services Administration” and see “Notices, National Practitioner Data Bank.” This notice from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the US Department of Health and Human Services announces the implementation of a Proactive Disclosure Service (PDS) Prototype, effective **April 30**. This can involve all health practitioners. It is being offered as an alternative to the periodic querying of the National Practitioner



Data Bank (NPDP). It was developed in response to the growing interest of healthcare entities in ongoing monitoring of practitioner credentials. Authorized Data Bank entities can choose to enroll all of their practitioners in PDS, or enroll some practitioners. Initially, this is being offered as a prototype. The annual subscription fee, during the prototype period, is \$3.25/practitioner. For more information, call 301/443-2300.

### **HUD Publishes 2007 SuperNOFA for Discretionary Programs**

See the Federal Register dated **March 13** (Vol. 72, No. 48). Go to “Housing and Urban Development Department” and see “Notices, Grants.” This notice from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contains the 38 funding opportunities or program Notice of Funding Availability, or program NOFAs that constitute HUD’s its fiscal year (FY) 2007 SuperNOFA. In addition, it provides a revised listing of programs contained in the FY 2007 SuperNOFA, including its Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. Application requirements, grant eligibility and deadlines for grant applications that apply to all HUD federal funding opportunities for FY 2007 are contained in each individual program NOFA and in this notice. For more information, call 800/483-8929.

### **USDA Issues Final Rule for Senior Farmers’ Market Regulations**

See the Federal Register dated **March 23** (Vol. 72, No. 56). Go to “Food and Nutrition Service” and see “Rules.” This final rule from the Food and Nutrition Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces provisions of the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program Regulations, effective **March 23**, that contain information collection requirements that require approval by the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB). For more information, call 703/305-2746.

### **Corporation Requests Comments for Project Progress Report**

See the Federal Register dated **March 27** (Vol. 72, No. 58). Go to “Corporation for National and Community Service” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Corporation for National and Community Service” requests public comment by **April 26** (or within 30 days from the date of this notice) regarding the Corporation’s proposed modification of its Project Progress Report (PPR) for National Senior Service Corps (Senior Corps) projects. The Corporation seeks to revise the current approved Progress Report to eliminate all quarterly submissions of the PPR; change the submission frequency of narrative and work plan sections to 100 percent semi-annual; eliminate the “Data Demographic” section of the PPR; and, change the submission frequency of the Data Supplemental” section of the PPR from bi-annual to annual. It will be used in the same manner and for the same purposes as the existing PPR. For more information, call 202/606-6822.

### **FTA Issues Final Circulars for Three Transportation Programs**

See the Federal Register dated **March 29** (Vol. 72, No. 60). Go to “Federal Transit Administration” and see “Notices.” This final notice from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the US Department of Transportation (DOT) announces the availability of final guidance in the form of circulars, effective **May 1**, to assist grantees in implementing three programs: the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program, the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program, and the New Freedom Program. The Section 5310 program provides funding, allocated by



a formula to states including Michigan, for capital projects to assist in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and persons with disabilities. The New Freedom Program provides new public transportation services and public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act that assist individuals with disabilities with transportation. The program circulars can be downloaded from the FTA website ([www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov)). Printed copies also can be obtained by calling 202/366-4865. For more information, call 202/366-4020.

### **CMS Provides Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances**

See the Federal Register dated **March 30** (Vol. 72, No. 61). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Notices, Medicare and Medicaid.” This notice from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provides a quarterly listing of Medicare and Medicaid program issuances. It contains manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other Federal Register notices that were published October through December, 2006 relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, including information on national coverage determinations (NCDs) affecting specific medical and health care services under Medicare, and listings of all approval numbers from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for collections. The Social Security Act requires that CMS publish a list of Medicare issuances in the Federal Register at least every three months. For more information, call 410/786-6962.

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### **LEGISLATION SUMMARY**

The following are bills and public acts from the 2007-2008 legislative session that have been identified as being of probable interest and importance to senior adults and aging network service providers.

These bills are listed for informational/educational purposes only. They are not listed if they have only been introduced and assigned to a committee. To be listed, they must have moved further in some way as part of the legislative process. They do not constitute OSA support or endorsement, and they do not indicate the critical bills OSA considers to be of priority.

For more information about the content and legislative history of a particular bill, go to [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov) (the Michigan Legislature website) and enter the bill number in the box under “Legislative Bill Search.” Then click on “Go!” and the status page of the bill will appear with current information about the bill. Click on a “PDF” or “TXT” box for a copy of the latest version of the bill, or a House or Senate analysis of the bill.

The Michigan Legislature website ([www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)) is a free service of the Legislative Internet Technology Team in cooperation with the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Also, call the Michigan Law Library at 517/373-0630 for legal research questions.

If you have a question or opinion about any of these bills, contact your state legislator. Also, you may call OSA Director **Sharon Gire** at 517/373-7876 or e-mail her at [osadirector@michigan.gov](mailto:osadirector@michigan.gov).

### **2007 House Bills that Moved**

**(March 2 – April 13)**

**House Bill (HB) 4064 of 2007**

This bill would create a new Home Heating Fund within the Department of Treasury to fund home heating credits under the Income Tax Act to the extent that those credits are not fully funded by federal low income home energy assistance program block grant funds. Creates new act. Tie barred with HB 4280 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Mike Nofs** (R-Battle Creek) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Technology 1-22-07. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 3-14-07. Referred to second reading 3-14-07.

**House Bill (HB) 4103 of 2007**

This bill would create the Credit Security Act of 2007 to require certain credit reporting agencies to place security alerts and security freezes on consumer credit information, to authorize and limit fees, and to allow consumers to sue to recover damages for certain violations of the act. It would create a mechanism by which a consumer could require a credit reporting agency to place a security freeze on his or her own consumer file. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. Kathy Angerer** (D-Dundee) and co-sponsored by eight others. Referred to the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services 1-23-07. House substitute bill adopted and amended 3-20-07. Passed by the House 3-20-07. Referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions 3-22-07.

**House Bill (HB) 4207 of 2007**

This bill would expedite the process by which a foreign-educated nurse could be licensed under the health code by eliminating the requirement that applicants take the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination before taking the state nursing board approved exams. It also would create an expedited process for foreign-educated nurses who previously worked in another state. Amends Public Act 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood** (D-Taylor) and co-sponsored by 16 others. Referred to the House Committee Health Policy 2-7-07. House substitute bill adopted 3-27-07. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-29-07.

**House Bill (HB) 4280 of 2007**

This bill would amend the Income Tax Act to allow taxpayers to contribute to the Home Heating Credit Fund through a check-off on their annual income tax return in a manner and form prescribed by the Michigan Department of Treasury. A taxpayer could designate a portion of a refund in \$5 increments, or could make a contribution in any amount that added to the taxpayer's liability. The bill would apply to the 2008 tax year and beyond. Amends Public Act (PA) 281 of 1967. Tie barred with HB 4064 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Frank Accavitti** (D-Eastpointe) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Technology 2-15-07. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill. Referred to second reading 3-14-07.

**2007 Senate Bills that moved  
(March 2 – April 13)**

**Senate Bill (SB) 16 of 2007**

This bill would create the "Prostate Cancer Research Fund Act" to establish the

Prostate Cancer Research Fund in the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to provide funds to promote research in Michigan relating to prostate cancer. The money, interest and earnings of the fund could be spent solely for grants to any of the following: a medical school located in Michigan; a hospital located in Michigan that specializes in the treatment of cancer; and a hospital located in an urban area in Michigan that provides services to African-American men. Money from the fund could be used as matching funds for a federal grant or a grant from the National Cancer Institute. Creates a new act. Tie barred with SB 15 of 2007 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Sen. Samuel Buzz Thomas** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 1-24-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 75 of 2007**

This bill would create the "Consumer Credit Protection Remedies Act" to authorize a consumer, a consumer reporting agency, and the Attorney General to bring an action against a person who violated the Consumer Credit Protection Act (as proposed by SB 340). It would take effect 1-1-08. A consumer could bring an action against a person who failed to comply with a requirement imposed under the Consumer Credit Protection Act with respect to the consumer. A consumer reporting agency could bring an action against a person who obtained a credit report or requested a security freeze, the temporary lifting of a freeze, or the removal of a freeze under the Consumer Credit Protection Act from the consumer reporting agency under false pretenses or in an attempt to violate federal or state law. The Attorney General could bring an action against a consumer reporting agency that failed to lift a security freeze temporarily within 15 minutes, as the Consumer Credit Protection Act would require under certain circumstances. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Sen. Gilda Jacobs** (D-Huntington Woods) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions 1-25-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 123 of 2007**

This bill would amend the Nonprofit Corporation Act to permit the use of electronic communication (electronically transmitted that does not involve the physical transmission of paper but may be retained, retrieved or reproduced by the recipient). It would specify that, when a notice was required or permitted by the Act to be given in writing, electronic transmission would be written notice. It also would allow notice of meetings to be transmitted electronically; allow a board of directors to conduct a meeting of board members solely by means of remote communication; specify conditions under which a member could participate in a meeting and vote by means of remote communication; allow a corporation's bylaws to permit voting by electronic transmission; allow a board or committee to consent by electronic transmission to action without a meeting; and allow a corporation to distribute an annual financial report by electronic transmission. Amends Public Act (PA) 162 of 1982. Sponsored by **Sen. Alan Sanborn** (R-Richmond) and co-sponsored by seven others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform 1-30-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 4-4-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 4-4-07.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 176 of 2007**

See **Public Act (PA) 5 of 2007** (below).

**Senate Bill (SB) 204 of 2007**

This bill would amend the Estates and Protected Individuals Code to include Medicaid payments subject to recovery under the Social Security Act in the order of priority of payment of claims and allowances from an estate. The Estates and Protected Individuals Code establishes an order of priority for payment of claims and allowances from an individual's estate, if the estate property is insufficient to pay all claims and allowances in full. The bill would modify the reference to debts and taxes with priority under federal law to include Medicaid payments subject to adjustment or recovery under the Social Security Act. Amends Public Act (PA) 386 of 1998. Tie barred with SB 203 and 374 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all of them do). Sponsored by **Sen. Michael Switalski** (D-Roseville) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 2-15-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 4-4-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 4-4-07.

**Senate Bill (SB) 314 of 2007**

Taxation; estates; tie between estate tax and the federal tax; modify. Amends Public Act (PA) 188 of 1899. Sponsored by **Sen. Deborah Cherry** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by two others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 3-1-07. Senate Discharge Committee approved 3-15-07. Placed on order of general orders 3-15-07.

**Senate Bill (SB) 340 of 2007**

This bill would create the Consumer Credit Protection Act to allow a consumer to place a security freeze on his or her credit report by making a written request to a consumer reporting agency; prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information from a credit report to a third party if a freeze were in place, without the consumer's authorization; allow a consumer reporting agency to remove or temporarily lift a security freeze only under specific circumstances; and establish deadlines for a consumer reporting agency to comply with the proposed requirements, including a 15-minute deadline for temporarily lifting a freeze. Creates a new act. Sponsored by **Sen. Cameron Brown** (R-Sturgis) and co-sponsored by eight others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions 3-6-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07.

**Senate Bill (SB) 347 of 2007**

This bill would amend the Income Tax Act to allow an individual to designate on his or her annual tax return that contributions of \$5, \$10 or more of his State income tax refund (or additional tax liability) be credited to any of the funds specified in the bill including the Prostate Cancer Research Fund, Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research, The Animal Welfare Fund, The Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund, the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority, and The Children's Trust Fund. Amends Public Act (PA) 281 of 1967. Tie barred with SB 348 of 2007 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Sen. Patricia Birkholz** (R-Saugatuck) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 3-14-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with senate substitute bill 3-27-07.

**Senate Bill (SB) 348 of 2007**

This bill would create the "Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research Act" to establish

that fund in the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to provide funds to promote research in Michigan relating to breast cancer. The MDCH would be required to do all of the following with monies from this fund: support the development of a statewide breast cancer research plan; provide information to the public about the value of breast cancer research and early detection; develop and publicize criteria for proposals to be funded under this bill; and review and approve proposals to be funded. Creates new act. Tie barred with SB 347 of 2007 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Sen. Paricia Birkholz** (R-Sugatuck) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 3-14-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with senate substitute bill 3-27-07.

#### **Senate Bill (SB) 350 of 2007**

This bill would create the “Animal Welfare Find” to establish the “Animal Welfare Fund” in the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) to provide funds to promote the sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats; improve knowledge of the proper care of animals pursuant to the State animal anti-cruelty laws by educating the public and training authorized personnel to enforce those laws; support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals pursuant to State anti-cruelty laws; and all the purchase of equipment and supplies for programs receiving grants under the bill. Creates new act. Tie barred to SB 347 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Sen. Valde Garcia** (R-Howell) and co-sponsored by two others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 3-14-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 3-27-07.

#### **Senate Bill (SB) 374 of 2007**

This bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to provide for the creation and implementation of the Michigan Estate Recovery Program, under which the state would collect assets from the estates of certain Medicaid recipients, as required by the Social Security Act. It would require the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to establish and operate the Michigan Estate Recovery Program to comply with the requirements of Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act. The MDCH would have to establish an estate recovery program, or contract for various estate recovery activities. The activities would have to include placing and recording liens on the property of Medicaid recipients; tracking the assets held by Medicaid recipients that would be subject to estate recovery; collecting the amounts subject to recovery from the estates of eligible recipients; and performing other actions necessary to administer the program effectively. The MDCH would be required to seek necessary state plan amendments and waivers from the federal government to implement the estate recovery program. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Tie barred to SB 203 and SB 204 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all of them do). Sponsored by **Sen. Michael Switalski** (D-Roseville) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 3-27-07. Reported favorably with Senate substitute bill 4-4-07. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with Senate substitute bill 4-4-07.

### **2007 Public Acts (March 2 – April 13)**

#### **Public Act (PA) 5 of 2007 Senate Bill (SB) 176 of 2007**

During 2002, quality assurance assessment programs (QAAPs) were instituted for nursing home and hospital services. The nursing home and hospital QAAPs are a way to increase net funding for providers, while producing General Fund (GF/GP) savings for the state. A QAAP is a tax upon an entire provider group, and the revenue accrues to the state and supplants GF/GP dollars, thus producing GF/GP savings. This bill reflects the retention of \$46.4 million in hospital QAAP revenue during fiscal year (FY) 2005-2006. It should be noted that the FY 2006-2007 Department of Community Health (MDCH) budget assumes an expansion of the hospital QAAP that would result in the state's retention of an additional \$20.0 million. This budgeted expansion is not addressed in PA 5 of 2007. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Deborah Cherry** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by no others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 3-22-07, and assigned PA 5 of 2007** with immediate effect.

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## **ABOUT RESOURCES FOR AGING**

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